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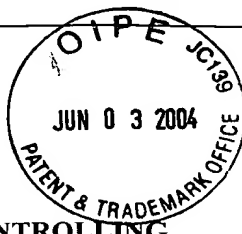
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Title: **A METHOD OF CONTROLLING
PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION AND A
PHYSICAL DISTRIBUTION
CONTROLLING SYSTEM**



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Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art, or without any admission that they contain subject matter that anticipates the invention or renders the invention obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

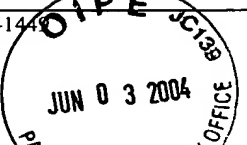
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		5,923,014	07/13/99	Szymusiak et al.		
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TRANSLATION

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OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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